

Senate File 2131

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1 Amend Senate File 2131, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking <5,> and inserting <4, 6,>

4 2. By striking page 1, line 3, through page 2, line 14, and
5 inserting:

6 <1. An Iowa learning online initiative is established
7 ~~within the department~~ under the authority of the area education
8 agencies to partner with school districts and accredited
9 nonpublic schools to provide distance education to high school
10 students statewide. The ~~department~~ area education agencies
11 shall utilize a variety of content repositories, including
12 those maintained by ~~the area education agencies~~ and the public
13 broadcasting division, in administering the initiative.

14 4. Each participating school district and accredited
15 nonpublic school shall submit its online curricula ~~to~~ for
16 review by the department for review area education agency in
17 which it is located. Each participating school district and
18 accredited nonpublic school shall include in its comprehensive
19 school improvement plan submitted pursuant to section 256.7,
20 subsection 21, a list and description of the online coursework
21 offered by the district or school.

22 6. Coursework offered under the initiative shall be
23 rigorous and high quality, and the ~~department~~ area education
24 agencies shall annually evaluate the quality of the courses
25 and ensure that coursework is aligned with the state's core
26 curriculum and core content requirements and standards, as well
27 as national standards of quality for online courses issued by
28 an internationally recognized association for kindergarten
29 through grade twelve online learning.

30 8. The ~~department~~ area education agencies shall establish
31 fees payable by school districts and accredited nonpublic
32 schools participating in the initiative. Fees collected
33 pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the department
34 which shall allocate the moneys to the area education agencies
35 to be used only for the purpose of administering this section

1 and shall be established so as not to exceed the budgeted cost
2 of administering ~~this section to the extent not covered by the~~
3 ~~moneys appropriated in subsection 9.~~ Providing professional
4 development necessary to prepare teachers to participate in the
5 initiative shall be considered a cost of administering this
6 section. Notwithstanding ~~section 8.33~~, fees collected by the
7 ~~department~~ area education agencies that remain unencumbered or
8 unobligated at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert
9 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purpose of
10 expanding coursework offered under the initiative in subsequent
11 fiscal years.>

12 3. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3 and inserting
13 <An Act placing the Iowa learning online initiative under
14 the authority of the area education agencies, making an
15 appropriation, and>

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